

Iron County Register  
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IRONTON, MISSOURI  
NEWS AND NOTES.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

FIRE at Danbury, Conn., the other night destroyed the Dexter hat factory and contents, valued at \$100,000. At McGregor, Iowa, a block of buildings was swept away and ten farms, in various places, lost \$25,000.

A POWDER-MILL explosion at Alton, Ind., the other day killed six persons and injured several others. The damage to property was a million francs. A box of dynamite with lighted fuse was found in a factory in Fife, Scotland, the other day just in time to prevent an explosion.

THREE Irish informers, operating at Melbourne, Australia, the other day, were prohibited from landing, it was alleged, because a plot to murder them had been discovered.

In addition to the Kuklux outrages alleged to have been recently perpetrated in Georgia, reports came from Tennessee the other day of terrible barbarities practiced by midnight marauders upon white and colored citizens of Warrance, for no known reason.

SANFORD MCGINNIS, from Indiana, was arrested by a special agent of the Interior Department for forging declaratory statements in the Mitchell and Yankton (Dak.) land districts. The accused leaped from a train near Mitchell the other night, and nothing was found of him except his hat.

AT Fort Wayne, Ind., Emanuel Fox was killed by an officer the other day while attempting to escape from custody.

SIR CHARLES DILKS, the other day called the attention of the House of Commons to the necessity for great care in guarding against cholera in England during the next six weeks.

A SEVATEE (Mass.) woman the other day sprayed Paris green over her hickory bushes to keep trespassing berry-pickers out.

FRANK GIBSON, of Indianapolis, Ind., disappeared some days ago. He was discovered the other night that she saw his body in White River, and sure enough there they found it.

AT Middletown, Tex., on the 3d a tornado destroyed a hotel and injured many people. Portions of New York and Pennsylvania were also swept by a storm the same day, doing much damage to crops and telegraph wires.

EXCITEMENT over the result of the recent Jewish trials in Hungary ran so high that the troops had to be called out on the 5th to preserve order.

JOHN WALL, a Chicago (Ill.) policeman who shot the wrong man in a fight, committed suicide in that city a few days ago.

In a dispute over a game of faro, at Denver, Colo., a gambler named Vasey shot Frank Rose, a well-known restaurateur, to death a few days ago.

A FIRE in Post street, San Francisco, Cal., the other morning destroyed almost an entire block. Thirty buildings were burned to the ground, among them the Winter Garden Theater and Driggs' Hall. The losses were estimated at over \$2,000,000, with insurance of less than half that amount.

VANDERBILT it is said will spend half a million in hotels and cottages at Bedford. He intends to make it the Saratoga of Pennsylvania.

CHARLES W. CLEMENTS, shoe manufacturer of Dover, N. H., has failed for half a million in consequence of the recent failure of Shaw & Bros., at Boston.

It is now claimed that it will probably require an international sanitary commission to determine whether or not the plague in Egypt is cholera or not.

THE total number of deaths in Egypt on the 5th were 728, including 163 at Cairo, 22 at Rosetta, 100 at Gharbia, 11 in Dakkeh and 89 in Beni Suef. The British legion published a note referring newspaper misstatements that the spread of the cholera in Egypt was caused by British neglect to establish proper quarantine regulations.

THERE were forty-nine deaths from yellow-fever at Havana, Cuba, during the week ended on the 4th.

The saloon-keepers at St. Louis, Mo., were not unanimous on the Sunday law question on the 5th. Some of them closed and some did not. The police it was said would send several hundred more of them to jail.

GOVERNOR BLACKBURN has proposed David Ferguson, the defaulting collector of Louisville, Ky., who has been in the Penitentiary only since February. The deficit was over \$200,000.

OFFICERS of the Santa Fe Railroad estimate the average yield of wheat in Kansas at twenty bushels per acre. Many fields of oats have exceeded ninety bushels per acre. A large gain will be made on the corn crop of last year.

THE total receipts of customs for the month of July was \$2,999,290, against \$1,959,657 for the same month last year. This shows an increase of \$958,633 for the first month under the new tariff law.

THE Acting Postmaster-General has approved the design for a new four-cent postage stamp. The stamp will bear a bust engraving of Andrew Johnson.

PROF. T. W. TOBIN, well-known throughout the West as a scientist, and whose lectures on explosions in flour mills attracted wide interest, died at Louisville the other morning, of consumption.

A REVENUE cutter intercepted a yellow-fever stricken Norwegian bark off Mobile, Ala., the other day and sent her to Ship Island.

THREE men were killed by a recent boiler explosion at Ogemaw, Mich.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LIGES, who was court-martialed recently for duplicating his pay account, has been ordered to his post to await sentence, which it was surmised would not be severe.

A MAN supposed to be Frank A. Dixon, from some small town in Illinois, jumped from the ferry-boat Edwardsville at St. Louis, Mo., a few days ago and was drowned.

A CHILD was taken alive from the ruins of Casamicciola, Italy, the other day, having been imprisoned seven days. Nineteen persons injured by the earthquake have since died in the Naples hospitals.

RECENT anti-Jewish riots at Ekaterinodar, Russia, are reported to have cost one hundred lives.

BROWN BROS. & Co., Detroit (Mich.) lumber dealers, have failed for \$100,000. THE troops engaged in the recent insurrection at Badajoz, Spain, numbered 700. They were joined by 400 civilians. THE police dispersed a Socialist Congress at Ravenna, Italy, a few days ago.

At Bryantsville, Ky., four negroes were fatally shot in a election fight on the 5th. Several other persons, white and colored, were injured.

JARVIS, the New Jersey bonding Treasurer, has been arrested in Canada.

TWO American fishermen, who were from a fishing vessel on the Grand Banks and landed at Trapani, Canada, the other day after being five days and nights without food or water.

Forty-one Cuban prisoners, who were operating along the line of the Iron Mountain Road as wood-choppers, have been taken to the Adams Penitentiary.

At the Dakan mine, near Harrisburg, Alaska, recently, three Indians killed a whisky-seller named Rennie. The Indians were accused, but before they could apprehend the Indians they had killed Major Given, formerly of the United States army. Finally two of the Indians were captured and hanged, and the next day the chief deliverer of the third Indian and he was promptly hanged.

TWO HUNDRED persons were present at a grand banquet which closed a three weeks' session of the Point Chautauque (N. Y.) Baptist Union a few days ago.

NINE persons were recently drowned in Lincolnshire, Eng., by the upsetting of a boat.

A BOAT sailing from Madison Square Garden, New York, the other day, Sullivan knocked Sullivan over the board, defeating him in three rounds.

C. P. BLEDSOE, editor of the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, died at Palestine, Tex., a few days ago. He had accompanied the Tennessee Editorial Association to Texas and had been ill since his return on account of sickness, and stopped off at Palestine.

HOMESTEAD titles in Dakota for the year ended June 30, 1882, amount to \$2,727,000.

By the burning out of the Wright Ennis Manure-tong Company at Lawrence, Mass., the other day, \$20,000 worth of property was destroyed and one hundred and sixty operatives were thrown out of employment.

FIFTY-NINE persons were recently poisoned by eating ice-cream at a festival in Camden, S. C.

JOHN SIMMONS, a merchant, living near Norfolk, Va., shot and killed his wife and himself a few days ago.

THE Vermont National Bank of St. Albans has failed.

FELICITAS MEDA, the famous bull-fighter of the City of Mexico, was killed the other day in the arena by a bull which twice tossed him in the air.

SABATO ALEXANDRE, an Italian murderer, attempted to commit suicide the other day by cutting his throat while on the way to the prison after sentence at Easton, Pa.

CLEANING-HOUSE exchanges for the week ended on the 4th show unfavorably as compared with the week before, and with the corresponding week of last year.

GERMAN men-of-war in American waters have been ordered to take on only enough pickled pork to last during the voyage home. Bismarck hates the American hog.

THE United States Consul-General at Matamoros, Mex., has protested against the New Orleans quarantine enforced against that port.

THE Archbishop of Naples is to be made a Cardinal in recognition of his services to the sufferers by the recent earthquake.

THE Treasury Department has paid out nearly one million dollars on account of pensions since the 1st inst.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

RETURNS from the Kentucky election were coming in very slowly on the 7th, but the Democrats claimed gains in many counties, and that Knott's majority for Governor would not be less than 40,000.

S. G. W. BENJAMIN, the first diplomatic representative of the United States to Persia, gives a glowing account of his reception by the Shah.

THE warehouses and wharves of the Knickerbocker Ice Company burned at Philadelphia on the 7th. Over 2,000 tons of ice, forty-seven horses and a great amount of other property were destroyed.

THE deaths from cholera in Egypt on the 6th were 508, including seventy-eight at Cairo.

THE trial of O'Herlihy, Featherstone, Deasy, Flannigan and Dalton, charged with having in their possession explosives for the destruction of buildings and lives, began at Liverpool, Eng., on the 7th. All the prisoners pleaded not guilty.

It is stated that 25,000 stand of small arms with ammunition have been shipped from San Francisco to Shanghai, China, with the past eighteen months, and the shipments continue.

FIVE Chinamen who recently stabbed one of their fellows for reducing laundry rates have been sent to the New Jersey Penitentiary.

A TELEGRAPH company has been incorporated to run a line between New York and Bangor, Me.

THE strike of railroad operators had assumed no new phase on the 7th. So far as could be learned very few men quit work. The Western Union Company offered \$1,000 reward for the conviction of parties who cut their wires in New York.

GREAT loss was caused on the 7th by an extensive cave in the colliery of the Delaware and Hudson Company near Wilkesbarre, Pa. No one was hurt.

THE Georgia Legislature has passed a general local option law.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Attorney-General's Opinion.

Attorney-General McIntyre has rendered an opinion as to the constitutionality of the Dowry law, or rather the section of the same relating to the number of inhabitants, by changing the number of inhabitants from 500 in the preamble to 2,500 in the amended section as passed, etc. This error, it will be remembered, was ground for the protest presented in the House against the signing of the bill. This point was not raised in the case decided by the Supreme Court on the 3d inst. Following is the opinion:

Very respectfully,  
D. A. McINTYRE,  
Attorney-General.

A General's Opinion.

Dr. Laws has laid the State University and Missouri under an additional debt of gratitude and honor, by securing at an expense of over \$5,000 the bronze statue of Washington in the Moore Park at Richmond, Va., to adorn the University Campus, as a companion-piece to the original monument over the grave of Thomas Jefferson which has recently been transferred there. The statue is an exact bronze copy of the marble statue in the State House at Richmond, Va., which is the only marble statue of Washington executed from life. There are but three other bronze casts of the statue in existence. One is in Lexington, Va., one in Washington City, and one in Raleigh, N. C. Each of these cost \$1,000. The one just purchased is obtained from the family of the artist himself. The purchase was effected through Prof. Fleet, who has had the statue cast and shipped to Columbia, Washington is represented as standing, bare headed, dressed in civilian suit with the exception of military boots and epaulettes. His right hand rests upon a cane, and his left hand is upon his breast. From which are suspended his sword and military cloak. The statue is a few inches in advance of the right, and the attitude is easy and natural. (The size is precisely that of the original, the height being six feet two and a half inches.)

Miscellaneous Items.

Last year the eighteen hundred saloons of Missouri paid \$1,000,000 for licenses. The new law calls for \$2,000,000 from the same saloons.

George Boole, a prominent citizen of St. Joseph, who had lived in the home of the late Grand Army Encampment at Denver, Colo., died on the 7th.

Four boys were recently arrested in Harlan, Clay County, and fined \$10 each for swimming in the river opposite the depot.

The Professor of Geology in the State University is in Philadelphia examining the large collection of fossil vertebrates owned by Prof. D. Cope, with a view of purchasing his collection. Prof. Cope asks \$100,000 for the collection.

William Scott, of St. Joe, while prospecting for coal in the hills a few miles east of Nevada had fallen a distance of twenty feet, which rendered him insensible, and from which he was rescued.

Officer John Donohue, of the St. Louis police force, fatally shot a negro named Jim Davis in that city a few days ago for resisting arrest. The negro severely cut officer King on the head with a spade and was advancing to serve Donohue in the same manner when the fatal shot brought him down.

Copper and silver ore is reported to have been found on the premises of Joseph Lewis in Shannon County.

A Mr. Pearce, of Shannon County, while hunting recently encountered a mad wolf which he killed after it had bitten five dogs and a pig in its efforts to escape a first being wounded.

Nine hundred and thirteen thousand dollars in six-per-cent twenty-year bonds of the city of St. Joseph were registered in the State Auditor's office at Jefferson City a few days ago.

Those who pretend to know (say we are going to have twenty-five-cent corn and two-and-a-half-cent pork this fall.

The mail-carriers of Kansas City are engaged in taking a census of the number of houses in that city, and will try to approximate the total number of inhabitants. This is being done for the purpose of showing that the city has a population of more than 25,000, in order to advance the Kansas City post-office to the dignity of a first-class office. Otherwise, they will have to wait until the next census is taken in 1890.

Quail are plentiful in the Southeast.

A Chicago gentleman, who owns ten or twelve thousand acres of land in the southeastern part of Howell County, on which he is settling a German colony, was in West Plains lately with some new immigrants. He expects a big addition to his colony this fall, direct from Germany. He contracted with three for the enclosure of a large tract of land to enclose which will require over 15,000 posts and a car-load of barbed wire.

Mrs. Sarah M. Hall, of Joist Township, Oregon, is 102 years of age and weighs 160 pounds.

The sorghum crop will be light in Ellis County, as but little was planted.

The Season of Lilies.

To perfect their glorious color the full heat of summer is required. They come with the golden daisies, the St. Johns-wort, the yellow-topped aster, the evening primrose, and other glowing tints of July. The first of these lilies to appear is the smaller orange species, with flower erect, like some precious cup or holy grail. It is the Philadelphia lily of botanists, and grows in dry or sandy soil; for that matter, it is quite various in habit. The perianth is spotted within with purple dots, and the whole height of the plant is from two to three feet. Ere this passes out of flower, we will find in wet meadows the yellow, or Canadian, lily. There are from one to several flowers to a plant, all of these gracefully nodding, and spotted with brown. Again, still later, comes the Turk's-cap lily, *Lilium superbum*, L., perhaps the finest of our wild species. The flowers are often numerous, and the plant may be six or eight feet in height. These plants are a magnificent sight in their native location, and may easily be made to grow in gardens. They have the sepals or divisions of the flower strongly curved backward or revolute. The lower is a yellowish orange than the tiger lily of the forlans, and is spotted with purple within.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that the pond lilies, which gladden our city streets in summer, are not true lilies. The family *Nymphæaceæ*, indeed, are quite remote in relationship, finding their nearest allies in magnolias, buttercups and the like. They attain their highest expression in the famous *Victoria Regia* of the Amazons, the leaves of which, floating on the water, will support a child. It was from the extraordinary beauty of these great leaves that Paxton is said to have derived his plan for constructing the roof of the Crystal Palace in Sydenham. All the lilies, so to speak, are curiously buttressed and supported, giving the greatest strength with the least material. The flowers of the *Victoria* are among the most superb of natural objects; they are magnificent and transcendent pond-lilies. With all their beauty, however, we doubt if they can excel our own lovely and sweet-scented flower.

The wild lilies, like many natural objects (notably sea-shells and marine life of all sorts), lose much of their beauty in the prosaic environment of our homes. They are "lilies of the field," and there we must go to see them. — *Providence Journal*.

Does the Day Increase in Length?

It is well known that Professor G. Darwin has associated what may be regarded as a new theory of cosmical evolution with the gradual retardation of the earth's rotation and consequent lengthening of the day. Mr. E. Stone, formerly chief assistant at Greenwich, and now the head of the Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford, has just published some calculations, which, though they do not actually disprove the change in the earth's rotation rate, throw grave doubt on the only direct evidence ever recognized in its favor. When it was found that Hansen's lunar tables do not accord with the evidence respecting the moon's movements derived either from actual observation or from the study of ancient eclipses, it was suggested in explanation of the discrepancy (corresponding to an apparent gain of the moon on her calculated place) that it may be apparent only, and due to change of the rate of going of our great terrestrial timepiece, the earth, by which, of course, we time the moon's movements. DeLamunay showed that, owing to the movement of the tidal wave in a direction opposite to that of the earth's rotation, the rotation rate must diminish, though very slowly. Sir George Airy, going through the same process of inquiry, obtained at first a negative result, but later recognized the existence of certain terms indicating a retardation. Since then it has been regarded as an accepted doctrine that the length of the day must gradually increase until the day is as long as the lunar month. Nay, Professor Ball, Astronomer Royal for Ireland, goes further than this, and considers that the solar tide must eventually lengthen the day until it is equal to the year, overlooking apparently the fact that the lunar action will prevent any increase beyond the length of a lunar month. But Mr. Stone has found reason for believing that the discrepancy between theory and observation, which has been thrown on the earth's rotation, does not exist, so that "so far as we know at present, the time of the earth's rotation is constant." If his calculation should be confirmed it would not prove that there is no retardation in the earth's rotation, but that the length of the day is changing much more slowly than had been supposed—too slowly, in fact, to be recognized. — *Contemporary Review*.

A Fatal Misapprehension.

Marie Gunnill, formerly an artificial flower maker, who for some years had been separated from her husband and had vainly solicited his permission to see their two children, waylaid him yesterday in the Passage Violet and fired a revolver at him. The ball did not touch him, and he took to flight. A young man who happened to be walking behind tried to wrest the revolver from her, and succeeded in forcing her to the ground, but the passers-by, fancying she was being maltreated, rescued her from his grasp, whereupon she fired two barrels at him. His life is despaired of. The woman was then seized and taken to the police station. She states that the young man was a perfect stranger to her, but in the excitement of the moment she took him for her husband, against whom she had been heard to vow vengeance. — *Paris Cor. London Times*.

—Dr. C. C. Abbott, of Trenton, N. J., has destroyed another old belief in weather lore. For twenty years he has kept a record of the building of their winter houses by the muskrats, the storing of nuts by squirrels, and other habits of the mammals, which are commonly regarded as indicating the character of the coming winter. His conclusion is that the habits referred to have no connection with the rigor or mildness of the approaching season.

PITH AND POINT.

—This is one of the best mottoes ever followed: Never trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.

—Boys and women," says an experienced observer, "always want to be where they ain't."

—A Kansas wittling suggests that as Iowa doesn't owe a dollar she ought to change her name. — *Chicago Tribune*.

—No," said Mrs. McGill, "we didn't celebrate All Fool's Day at our house. The 'Squire never pays any attention to legal hollow days; and as for me, I feel just as foolish one Day as another." — *Marathon Independent*.

—There are few things so irritating in this life as to wait half an hour for your adversary at checkers, and then have him look up as just around from a nap, and stolidly inquire, "Whose move is it?" — *Boston Transcript*.

—When travelling on a railroad it is said that lying with the head toward the engine will often cure a headache. A more efficacious remedy is to lie with the head on the railroad track in front of an engine. The latter recipe is warranted or the money refunded. — *Norristown Herald*.

—My son," said an Arkansas colonel of the reformed school, "in life always make it a point not to fight." "Suppose a man calls me a liar, what must I do?" "Find out whether he has told the truth or not. If he has, acknowledge the accusation; and if he has not, move to another neighborhood." — *Arkansas Traveller*.

—A friend in the suburbs has a gem of a servant girl. Her latest achievement was to use pain-killer as a flavoring for ice-cream. She buffeted her better than she knew, and the bane and the antidote for stomach-ache were dished out at the same time. And yet the ice-cream was not such as one would wish to partake of more than once. — *Boston Herald*.

—Scene in a kindergarten. The teacher had been telling stories suitable for very young minds. Ruth (aged seven years)—"I can't tell a story, too." Teacher—"What is it about?" Pupil—"A story of the lion and the flea." Teacher—"Tell it." Pupil—"The wicked flea when no man pursued; but the righteous are as bold as a lion." — *Golden Days*.

—Mr. Blifkins, I do wish you would give up that abominable practice of punning," said the good lady to her man at breakfast the other morning. "You don't like punning, my dear?" said old B., with affected surprise. "You know very well that I don't. I'd rather have a hedgehog in the house than a punster." "I see," said the incorrigible brute. "Hedgehog, eh? H'm—hog. Ah, yes, I see, for pork-you-see," and he slipped under the chair of the table just in time to shove the missile hurled at his head by the how thoroughly exasperated woman. — *N. Y. Post*.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—In Oregon 8,000 men and \$1,500,000 capital are employed in the salmon fishing industry. The fishermen make as high as \$2,000 for four months' work.

—There are three sawing factories, and a fourth nearly completed, in Lunenburg, on the Maine coast. Between two hundred and three hundred feet are employed.

—A shipment of three hundred bushels of red acorns has been made to Germany for planting on unutilized lands and hillsides. This tree is found to do well in Europe and its wood is valuable. The acorns were gathered in Missouri at an average cost of one dollar a bushel. — *N. Y. Examiner*.

—Within the past four years 9,500 acres of land in and around Charlemon, on the James River, in Virginia, have been sold in farms ranging from twenty to three hundred acres to a thrifty class of Northern and Western people. They are prospering beyond their expectations, and delighted with the promise for the future.

—A stone of purplish brown color has been found in inexhaustible quantities near Summitville, in Coffee County, Tenn. It is susceptible of a fine finish. Samples of another kind have also been shown which are claimed to be of the kind used for lithography. Specimens of both have been sent to the State Agricultural Commissioner.

—Bread has at times been put to curious uses, but it remained for a Peruvian to make a practical application of the old saw that bread, being a necessity, is the mother of invention. He has just made a clock out of bread. He was so poor to get metal, so he used soft part of the bread that made up his daily meals, contenting himself with the crusts. He employed a certain salt to solidify the material, and so manufactured a handsome clock that keeps excellent time. Next. — *Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

Cool.

The Amesbury (Mass.) News relates that a trader of that town, accompanied by his wife, visited a friend in Merrimac, a provision-dealer, who invited him to examine his ice-closet. The Amesbury gentleman left his wife in the carriage and proceeded with his friend to an inspection of the ice-closet, which they entered, the former pulling the door to after him. A spring lock being attached to the outside of the door, they were prisoners in the coolest place the town could provide. In vain they shouted—their cries could not be heard. The wife, tired of waiting, took a short drive about town, and her husband not appearing on her return, she entered the store, but no one was to be seen. In passing a particular place she thought she heard voices, and upon opening the door of the closet was surprised to see the gentlemen, who had become nearly exhausted by their close confinement and endeavors to escape.

—Lordsburg, New Mexico, is a frontier paradise. It has five hundred inhabitants and thirty-seven saloons, besides a choice collection of dance-houses and gambling dens. Since July 3, 1882, fourteen persons have died in the town, and the causes of death may be classified as follows: Lynched, one; murdered, three; suicides, six; small-pox, three; doubtful, one. — *Chicago Herald*.